Walter A. Weers
Outstanding Achievement Award

This award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Colorado Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Program and to the water professionals operating Colorado facilities under this program. It is named after Walter A. Weers, who devoted a half-century of outstanding volunteer service to the advancement of the certification of professionals in the Colorado water and wastewater industry.

The Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Board (Board) will consider annually whether to present an outstanding achievement award. The award is intended to honor truly exceptional contributions and may not be presented each year.

The outstanding achievement award recognizes those individuals who have given of their time unselfishly to educate operators, have provided their expertise to examination of operators, or have used their creativity and tenacity to build Colorado's certification program into one of the premier programs in the country. Anyone who has had a direct impact on the Colorado Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Program and the water professionals operating Colorado facilities under this program can be nominated for the Walter A. Weers Outstanding Achievement Award.

The award process involves the following steps:

1. Interested persons should complete a nomination form, which is available on the Board's web. Nominations must be submitted prior to October 15th in order to be considered in that year's review process.

2. An Awards Committee – comprised of three Board members, one representative of Colorado Environmental Certification and Testing, Inc. (CECTI), one representative of the Colorado Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Systems Operator Certification Council (the Certification Council), and the Water Quality Control Division liaison to the Operators Certification Program – will consider all nominations submitted. A recommendation to present an Outstanding Achievement Award will be forwarded to the Board only if the Awards Committee unanimously agrees that an award should be issued to one of the nominees.

3. If a recommendation to present an Outstanding Achievement Award is forwarded to the Board, the recommendation will be considered and acted on by the Board at its November meeting.

4. If the Board decides to present an Outstanding Achievement Award, the award will be presented at the February Board meeting, which is generally held in Colorado Springs in conjunction with the Colorado Rural Water Association annual conference.